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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 26, 2006 in connection with the subject application, the applicants hereby elect Group I, namely claims 1-19 and 30-33, drawn to a system and methods for automated loading of side-by-side stacks of thin objects to a thin-object feeder.

The applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application at a later date for the non-elected subject matter.

Early and favorable action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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